

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## The Boldness of Elijah is Taking Hold of Those Who Love God

### No One Need be Shaky or Uneasy or Afraid or Weak While God is Leading The Way

#### KEEP IN GOOD FAVOR WITH GOD

##### Looking Backward, Living Now, and a Glance Into the Future.

##### Safety in Being Meek, Gentle, Submissive and Full of the Love of God.

Of all the important things that there are for men and women to do in this world, surely none can be more important than to keep in good favor with God. Jesus grew in favor with God and man. And surely there have been many good people in the past that had the favor of God. The number would be too large to enumerate. There was Enoch, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, the prophets and apostles, and thousands whose names were never recorded and kept.

There have also many lived that had the disfavor of God! History reveals this fact. Some had His favor at one time and later lost it by some unwise act or abrupt disobedience. Names could be given of both classes. There is no indication of Him ever being in favor with the wicked people because it is written plainly that He is angry with the wicked every day.

There are examples scattered all through the Scriptures showing God's favor to some and disfavor to others. One of the plainest and most striking examples in all history is in the acts of the Children of Israel. These people fell into slavery in Egypt under the hand of Pharaoh. They were placed under task masters and slave drivers. They multiplied rapidly and thus grew to a mighty host. Doubtless they wanted to get away many times but they were helpless and powerless. They knew not where to go, and besides this they were without a leader. Their energy and aspirations were gradually wearing away. They knew nothing but work, work, work, day after day. Their children were born in slavery and knew nothing about freedom. Doubtless many thousands of them prayed and cried unto God for deliverance. They cried and prayed unto God until they found favor with Him and He began to prepare for their deliverance.

Here is quite a story—too much to repeat, but it is enough to briefly review a few things in connection with our subject. Moses was born at a time when a law was in force which destroyed the male children by throwing them into the river. There he was, a goodly child, but the law said throw him into the river. His mother ventured to hide him for a few months. This was the first notice of God's favor being upon the little fellow. He was then placed in a little basket which was made so it would not leak water and put out in the eddy among the rushes at the side of the river. God was watching over him and did not let the little boat sink or turn over. The little fellow was perfectly secure and knew of no danger. Presently Pharaoh's daughter came out with her maidens for an early morning bath. She discovered the baby, fell in love with him immediately, took him home for her own child, raised him up, gave him a fine education, and kept him until he was grown. All of this care and training was because of God's favor and He threw His protecting hand about and over him and kept him for His own purpose.

There is no use trying to do anything against God's anointed and chosen until He gets ready for it to be done. This statement was proven true with

Moses many times over. They sought him to slay him. The officers searched the country over for him but failed entirely in their search. God had hidden him away. And marvelous as it was one day about forty years later back came this man brave and bold into the same country, into the house of Pharaoh and demanded that he let that large number of slaves go out a piece into the wilderness to sacrifice to their God. Wasn't this bold? Wasn't it daring? Wasn't it asking for the impossible? Even if Pharaoh had been willing would it not have been too great a task? Several hundred thousand men, women and children; probably as many Israelites as there were Egyptians.

But, of course, such a request would not be granted. But foolish as it was Moses did not give up, and Pharaoh could not get rid of him. I guess he tried to get him killed a hundred times, but every attempt failed. God had destined that Moses should lead the Children of Israel out of bondage to the promised land. Pharaoh and all his host of trained soldiers could not prevent it. This was verified at the Red Sea when Israel crossed the Sea on dry ground while the water was parted, but when Pharaoh and his host undertook to cross, the waters rushed over them and not one escaped the wrath of the Sea and its angry waves.

But even after God had wrought this great miracle with Moses as their leader, and He had shown His favor to Moses so forcibly, the people murmured against Moses and thus they lost God's favor and it is written of them, "But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." "These things were our examples," to show the danger of disobedience, wrong doings, murmuring, and anything else that will court the disfavor of God. According to Paul's application of the subject it is a fearful and dangerous thing to murmur and complain. "Neither murmur ye," says the Apostle Paul, "as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer."

I do not know how people expect to get through, who are frequently finding something to grumble about. Some people can't be satisfied with scarcely anything. Let some customs change and they are not satisfied. Some dress too fine, they say, others too plain. They watch the hair, and the hats, and the shoes, and the coats, and the waists, and the collars, and often the very fellow that worries over the powder on the women's faces goes to the barber shop and before he leaves his face is well powdered. I do not mention this to encourage women to use face powder, but I do love consistency, and I'm afraid of things that seem to look too much like hunting things to complain about. The song that the Salvation Army people used to sing tells the story of too many: "They grumble if you visit them, they grumble if you don't; they grumble if you speak to them, and grumble if you won't."

I think such people need some good religion. The good sweet spirit of Jesus will look

upon an erring one with pity rather than with contempt and scorn. Surely the spirit of Jesus would not murmur or complain. Surely there are no grumblers among the deepest spiritual people. And I do not know how much a deeply spiritual person will notice some things that some people stumble over. I have my way of doing things and others have theirs, and there may be quite a difference, but we do not unchristianize each other because we have ways, manners, and customs that are different. A certain preacher was influenced by others to prepare some special sermons, as they thought, to give certain ones a good Scriptural dressing up. The day came and for some cause the very ones for which the sermon was prepared were not present. Well, he had only the one subject prepared, it was that or nothing, so the sermon was delivered and that was the end of it.

But unless the Spirit of God had directed the message, and applied it to the hearts of those for whom it was prepared it would have been of little worth any way.

Bear in mind that Israel was once in good favor with God and a little later they lost that favor because they fell into some hard places and became impatient, faulted their leaders, murmured and grumbled until God let serpents bite them, disease overtake them, and thousands died of the plagues. Our people are having some hard places this year, and I guess most of them are bearing them patiently and suffering without murmuring, but if there are any murmurers they are the ones that have my pity, for it will not be long until something even more serious will come their way. This matter became so serious with Paul that he said, "Now these things happened unto them for ensamples (speaking of murmuring and other things which caused God's disfavor and their destruction): And they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Cor. 10:11, 12)

It has been said many times that the Church of God people surely love each other more than any other class of people in the world. I have been believing this for years and yet, there may be some that a little extra touch of love might do them good. I'm sure that the greater the love, the greater the interest will be taken in one another to help one another along. And the help will not always be going the same way, it will work both ways. But usually the one that loves the most will expect the least help from others.

Now, beloved, we want God's favor on the Church as it has always been, only more if possible. I admit that we have our adversaries who are busying themselves crying us down, but God has wonderfully sustained, and worked with us and demonstrated His marvelous power and kept over us and banner of love. There may also be some occasional internal disturbances, but they have always been cleared away and this should be encouraging to those who are in trouble.

We are living now, and what we do for this world will have to be done quickly, therefore, we have no time for entanglements, and disagreements. Time is too precious. We must work for God. We need each other's sympathy and good will instead

of a cold look and ill feeling toward each other. And no one should show the white cloth gets hot. Now is the time to keep cool and stand steadfast. What if I were to run, or back down? What if Moses had backed down? What if David had given up in despair when Saul was hunting him down like a wild beast? What if Peter or Paul had given up when the way got hard? Why didn't they give it up and tell their persecutors that they would quit preaching or leave the country if they would only let them out of prison? But, no, sir, they would rather have the favor of God than the favor of men. I've decided the same thing, and yet I love to have the favor of men. I want to act wisely and consistently and at least not bring any reproach by being unwise or falling short in patience and love.

Undoubtedly there is something good for the Church of God just a little ways ahead. The enemy is roaring against us. It seems that he is doing his best to overthrow us, but this is no new thing, it has been this way all along. It commenced with the early Church. Of course we could expect nothing else now. And we are nearer the time when his full force will be mustered against us, if that time has not already arrived. But with all he is doing the work still goes on. Two papers now instead of one, the demands for our Sunday school literature is doubling up on us, calls and demands everywhere for the Church of God. It is no time now for the ministry to weaken. There is too much to do—too many people perishing for the good Word of God. This is rather the time to show courage. A good brother sent in his resignation a little while ago. I refused to accept it, but wrote him that it was no time to give up now, but it is rather time to be brave and noble and stand fast in the faith. There may be some good reasons for resigning some times, but I do not know when a brave man should resign unless he has done something that disqualifies him for the position he occupies.

There is always safety in being meek, gentle, submissive and full of the love of God. Keep an experience like this and you need have no fears. I can't think of Peter and Paul carrying a doleful expression all the time they were bearing the burdens of the Church and enduring shame and reproach. The reverse is evidenced by the historians who made the records for us. When Peter and the other apostles were arraigned before the courts to answer for their conduct that did not please their enemies, they were meek and gentle, and after they were beaten severely "they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." (Acts 5:41) And when Paul and Silas were beaten and put in prison and their feet were fastened in the stocks they sang and evidently rejoiced like the other apostles. We do not read of them taking spells of the blues and taunting one another. They left all such as that behind when they were sanctified. They worked for one another—they stood the reproach together. They were happy in the service or in the prison or under the cruel lash. Nothing stopped them from doing their duty. Never heard of any of them tendering their resignation. They had only one way to get out—that was to die, which they did. And most of them suffered martyrdom at

the hands of Christ's awful enemies.

I tell you, God wants a set of a million men that will stand as close together as did Peter and John in the beginning. Just as well have four do it as two, and just as well have a hundred as four, and just as well have a million as a hundred. Let us expect unity and harmony. Don't allow yourselves to entertain any other thought but unity. This is the Bible standard, and nothing else will do. I admit that people say this cannot be, but I am on the safe side and on the Scriptural side when I say it can be. Pooh! Do you think Jesus would pray for a thing that could not be? Would Paul back it up by declaring it is to come in the last days if it could not come? Would the prophets have told about it if it is impossible? Thank God, they never have lied! Everything else has been fulfilled in its time and this will be too. Some body can grow weak and sickly and fall out if they want to, but they will not all do it. The cup may be bitter sometimes, but they will brace up and drink it to the bottom. Hallelujah! Isn't it blessed to be so we can meet our adversaries with boldness and love? Isn't it blessed to have a clear conscience right upon you? I think I often feel the same spirit of boldness that thrilled the apostles in their day. The weakening of others only makes me feel the stronger and bolder when I get over the shock. Some body has to be strong and bold and I had just as well be one of the million as any body.

I tell you, God is back of this thing, and why should I fear? In the language of Nehemiah, "Should such a man as I flee?" Let the breakers roll, let the lightnings flash and the thunders peal, let the enemy howl and make his threats, let my friends become pale and sickly, let them get afraid and want to hide away for safety, let them try to persuade me to weaken and become fearful, but I will make my prayer to my God and push on. If some fail, God will raise up others. If some shake their head and begin to murmur and complain God will drop them overboard and put others in their place. I tell you, you can't stop God. And this is God's work. I am no more in this of my own choice than Moses was in his place by choice. He tried to keep out, so did I. He tried to get out, so did I. It could be possible for me to become impatient with some of the people like Moses did and displease the Lord so I may not get over into the promised land, but if I am not permitted to go, God will raise up a Joshua to go the balance of the way. Thank God, it has to go, and all hell can't keep it from coming up to the very standard designed by Jesus Christ and started by Himself and His Holy Apostles.

No talking to me about weakening. That little Tobiah and Sanballat sheet and other literature that are being circulated to kill our influence had just as well save its breath and draw in its boasts as far as doing anything against the Church of God is concerned, or against me either. Look what Mr. P— undertook a few years ago—spent hundreds of dollars, I suppose, circulating literature and trying to defame and tarnish my name, and accusing me of fraud, embezzlement, and I don't know what all else, but how soon he wore himself out and many that he deceived came humbly to me later and confessed and begged me to forgive them, and they promised they would be true hereafter and they have. Many of my friends wanted me

to reply and explain and tell the straight of the business, but I did not feel inclined. I thought, this is God's business, and if He can't take care of it I need not try. The Church is going on just as well without Mr. P—as if he had never lived.

You may wonder at my boldness, you may think I am bordering on to boasting, but what of it? I tell you, if you knew as well as I do, and had the experience God has put into me, you would not wonder at my boldness, neither would you count it boasting. And I am not afraid to say that many of you are hooked up to this thing tighter, perhaps, than you think you are. Try to get out if you want to trifle with God, and see where you are. Hallelujah! The further I go the bolder I get. If all but twelve should go away and one of them a traitor I would not be in any worse condition than Jesus was one time—no worse than Paul was one time when they all forsook him. I tell you, this thing is going by leaps and bounds despite all the crowing and boasting and deception of the little Tobiah and Sanballat affair that is circulating its— you may name it what you please. Again I am reminded of the little dog barking at the moon to try to keep it from shining. The moon sends its silver rays down silently and delightfully to give the little fellow light to bark by. We are the light that shines around the Tobiah barker so he can see to bark. Just let the little fellow bark till he gets tired and we will shine on and go on about our Father's business.

God knows just exactly how to manage big business and I'm not afraid to trust Him. And I know of about twenty thousand or more blessed men and women who are true blue loyal shiners that do not mind the barks.

I have just now returned from somewhere, and behold, I find it is one ten A. M., almost time to start up business for another day. But what do I care for time when I get alone with God? I had just as well work all night as for my Lord to have prayed all night for me. And here I feel the moistening presence of that walking talking Holy Ghost heaving in my bosom. Goodbye to opposers and weaklings, I'm going on with the God who has taken me thus far. Wouldn't you? Amen!

We can't get the reports of the big Evangel drive ready for the paper this week but we expect to begin giving them next week. Glancing over some of the reports as they came in I was delighted to see that the little children had done so well with their collectors. I feel so grateful to our Heavenly Father because these little ones have taken such an active part and helped so wonderfully. A trial count before all the reports came in showed this fund alone to have run up to \$349.13. I say, Hurrah for the Children!

The regular time for Children's Day is the second Sunday in June—June 11. This day is always looked forward to by the Sunday school children with delight. This is a time when the older people should take an interest in giving the children a good time. Doing this encourages the children to be prompt and punctual in attending Sunday school, and scarcely any Christian parents in these days want their children to grow up outside of Sunday school. On this day it is nice to have the Sunday school room decorated with flowers, green leaves and anything to show life and beauty. Many of my friends wanted me



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THE RIGHT CHURCH  
AND WAY

God and His Church is sure to shine,  
Amid the stormy waves,  
For He says, It shall be mine  
In the latter and future days.

Praise His name, it must be so  
For it's shining more and more;  
It is rising above the worldly foes,  
And shall anchor all our souls.

Thank God for His precious Word,  
Which keeps us pure and clean  
And separates us from the world,  
And gives us joy supreme.

To every one who will He says  
May drink of the water of life,  
If you will do my will and my ways  
I will give you a crown of life.

We have to contend with the devil's  
host,  
While in this world of strife;  
They say they have the Holy Ghost,  
But are enemies to the cross of  
Christ.

Why do I say this? It's very plain,  
Because they are of the worldly  
mind;  
They are prophesying lies in His pre-  
cious name,  
So they cannot rise and shine.

They are seeking the world and its  
game,  
Instead of the blessed Son of God;  
They walk in the dark, isn't it a shame  
To try to use schemery instead of  
rod?

In the Church of God is no worry or  
dread,  
Nothing to worry one's soul;  
His precious blood for this was shed,  
So heaven is our goal.

The Church of God is set forth clear  
In all the epistles of Paul,  
Who gave his life our souls to cheer,  
For you, for me and for all.

So come, my friends, where the water  
can heal,  
Humble yourselves and repent,  
That He may give you that heavenly  
seal,  
While time and opportunity extends.

Why should you hold to churches of  
men?  
They are carnal and not spiritual,  
you see;  
Paul says not to be any divisions, so  
then,  
Why not get in the God-named  
church and be free?

I want to live while here I roam  
To obtain a crown in endless rest,  
And to share that blessed home  
In perfect holiness.

Pray for me that I may stand  
And hold to God's unchanging hand;  
My prayers, my aims is higher ground,  
In His church and grace ever to  
abound.

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for publication by  
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NOTICES

If any one knows the whereabouts  
of Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Clara  
Phillips, it will be highly appreciated.  
The last I knew of them, they were  
at Columbus, Ga. I don't know  
whether they belong to the Church  
of God or not.

A sister,  
Zeallie Phillips,  
Dunn, La.

I would like for somebody to go to  
Wade, Miss., a place where the true  
gospel has never been preached. The  
place is thickly settled and would be  
a good place to organize a church.

I have a father, two brothers and  
two sisters there, who are not saved.  
Chas. Walmon,  
Cheraw, Miss.

We will have a church reunion on  
the fourth Sunday in May at the  
Church of God at Townsville, S. C.  
Everybody is invited to come and be  
with us.

Yours in Him,  
J. M. Donald, pastor,  
Townsville, S. C.

The Asheville district meeting will  
convene at the church at Clyde, N.  
C., July 8-10, D. V. I want all deacons,  
pastors, evangelists, clerks and treas-  
urers, and any one else who can  
come to be present. Come expecting  
a good time in the Lord.

Yours in His service,  
Geo. T. Brouayer, overseer of N. C.

If any one in Arkansas wants meet-  
ings held and preaching that stands  
for the Church of God and her teach-  
ings, please write me at Haynes,  
Ark., Box 145.

Jesse Danehower.

I am badly in need of some good  
pastors in Missouri. If any one feels  
this call please write me. I also  
need some good live evangelists who  
can stand hardships for Jesus' sake,  
come over and help us. We need you  
but we certainly stand firm on the  
Church of God and we have lots of  
opposition. None need apply except  
those who are in good standing and  
hold license with the Church of God  
with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.  
If God is leading you this way write  
me at once.

Your unworthy brother,  
E. L. Pinkley, overseer of Mo.,  
Couch, Mo.

The Arkansas state assembly is to  
be held in Truman, Ark., July 1-5.  
A good time is expected. A good  
program is prepared and provisions  
are being made to accommodate the  
people. Everybody is welcome, come  
and enjoy the great feast.

John Burk, overseer of Arkansas,  
Truman, Ark.

IN MEMORY OF

BAILEY

On April 17, 1922 the Lord called  
our dear mother, N. L. Bailey, to a  
land of perfect rest.

Some tried to give her medicine  
but she refused saying that she  
wanted Jesus to come.

We miss her so much but we be-  
lieve she is at rest and hope to meet  
her.

She was a loyal member of the  
Church of God.

She was laid to rest in the Laurin-  
burg cemetery.

H. A. Bailey,  
Rockingham, N. C.

HARRINGTON

Mrs. A. J. Harrington was born  
June 10, 1856 and died March 10, 1922.

She was a dear sister in the Church  
of God and a dear member of the  
home. She left a testimony that  
causes us to know that she has gone  
to spend eternity in glory.

As she woke from sleep she began  
to talk to her mother who has already  
passed away to live with Jesus. She  
began to speak in tongues and praise  
the Lord, then began to call her  
mother again. She said she saw her  
mother and praised the Lord again.

She pointed upward as if she were  
trying to show her relatives and  
friends what she saw. She said she  
saw the Bridegroom. It was a glori-  
ous sight when she called her chil-  
dren the last time. She had such  
pretty smiles on her face. She looked  
toward heaven, closed her eyes and  
was gone to live with Jesus in glory.

She leaves a husband, five children  
and a host of friends to mourn her  
loss.

The funeral was conducted by  
Brother C. T. Adams and S. W. Lat-  
imer, our state overseer.

A sister in the Church,  
Mrs. America Causey,  
Columbus, Ga.

CHAPMAN

On April 26, 1922 the death angel  
claimed my dear husband, Frank  
Chapman, age 21 years.

He was not a member of the  
Church of God but a strong believer.  
He was saved from his sins March  
25, 1922. In his last hours he told  
us he was going to die and advised  
us to live good.

He leaves to mourn his death, a  
wife and two children and a host of  
relatives and friends, but we weep  
not as those who have no hope for  
we expect to meet him where there  
is no more parting.

He was laid to rest in the Aragon

cemetery to await the resurrection.

Oh, how we loved him,  
But Jesus loved him more,  
And sent the angel after him,  
To live on that bright shore.

In the graveyard softly sleeping,  
Where the flowers gently wave,  
Lies my darling husband,  
In his silent lonely grave.

His loving wife,  
Emma Chapman.

WALDREP

On April 28, 1922 the death angel  
visited my home and took our dear  
father, Mr. R. T. Waldrep, of Valdosta,  
Ga., age 67 years, to ever be with  
the Lord.

He was a dear loving father and  
husband and a devout Christian. He  
was a member of the Church of God,  
was saved, sanctified and baptized  
with the Holy Ghost. Often would he  
give his children advice that we were  
here for only a short time to prepare  
for eternal life and that it was easily  
done. His sickness lasted only a few  
hours as he had a stroke of paralysis  
and died unconscious. We have a  
sweet consolation in knowing he was  
prepared to go.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife,  
four children, a sister and brother  
and a host of friends.

A loved one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is still;  
There is a vacancy in our home,  
That never can be filled.

His affectionate daughter,  
Mrs. J. N. Williams,  
Greenville, N. C.

CARD OF THANKS

(As appeared in the Bradentown  
Herald)

Now that the new Church of God at  
Cortez is finished, we desire to  
thank the people through your paper  
for the support which has been given  
in cheerfulness. Almost every busi-  
ness man in our entire county has  
contributed to this noble cause, and  
the laboring people have shown that  
their hearts were in the right place.

We are certainly grateful to all our  
friends for helping in this time of  
need, and trust that they may be  
bountifully blessed for their efforts.  
We are glad to have the privilege of  
mentioning our neighboring towns.  
They have been very liberal and  
cheerful in becoming represented in  
this cause. We extend to Sister Cobb  
our heartfelt thanks for the honor-  
able efforts, dignified and successful  
manner she has met the public in  
the interest of the Church of God.

We are glad to recommend her to the  
church at large as competent and  
worthy of any position she may ac-  
cept. As the church is not free of  
debt, Sister Cobb will continue to  
solicit until the required amount is  
raised. We extend thanks in ad-  
vance to any who may feel disposed  
to help in this worthy cause. We  
will be glad any time to show our  
thankfulness by being zealous of any  
good cause that may come to our  
knowledge. The above is the senti-  
ment of the church and the people—  
A Member of the Church.

REQUESTS

Emma Edwards, Quicksand, Ky., asks  
prayer for her family.

Mrs. L. E. Cox, Springfield, Fla., re-  
quests prayer to be healed of hay  
fever.

C. W. Hall, Boyd, Fla., requests pray-  
er to be saved and ready to go  
when Jesus comes.

Janey Miller, Killen, Ala., wants all  
who read this to pray that she will  
be healed of tonsillitis.

Sallie Martin, Thurber, Tex., requests  
prayer for her father and mother to  
receive the full blessing.

James W. Phillips, Killen, Ala., wish-  
es the saints everywhere to pray  
for him to receive the Holy Ghost.

Mary Baker, Hollingsworth, Ky., wish-  
es the saints to pray that her home  
will become just what God wants  
it.

S. C. Lawson, Creston, Tenn., re-  
quests the prayers of the saints  
that she and her baby will be  
healed.

Madgie Turner, Double Springs, Ala.,  
asks the saints to pray for the Lord  
to send some Church of God fam-  
ilies there.

Mrs. Venie Wood, Drew, Miss., de-  
sires prayer for her family to be  
saved and for the Lord to send  
workers to that place.

Mrs. Maude Odum, Doerun, Ga., asks  
the saints to pray earnestly for  
God to restore her father's eye-  
sight.

Minnie Bryan, Spring Hill, W. Va.,  
asks the saints to fast and pray for  
a sister to be healed of a bleeding  
cancer on her eye.

Callie Davis, Stewart, Miss., asks all  
the saints to pray for her and her  
husband to be sanctified and bap-  
tized with the Holy Ghost.

Millie Cochran, Dallas, Ga., asks the  
saints to pray that she will receive  
the experience she once had. Also  
pray for her unsaved children.

E. W. Garrison, Haleyville, Ala., re-  
quests all of God's people who read  
this to pray for him to be saved

LETTERS FROM THE NATIVE WORKERS IN CHINA

Dear Evangel Readers:

The two following letters have re-  
cently been received from the two na-  
tive workers in charge of the three  
native churches in China.

The first one is from Brother Ma  
Hsiu Yi. He was our first teacher  
when we went out to China seven  
years ago. I have written you about  
him many times. He was at that  
time assistant pastor of a Baptist  
church and leading a very sinful life.  
When the power began to fall he got  
under awful conviction and confessed  
his sins and made right his wrongs  
which were many. The Lord sancti-  
fied him and baptized him with the  
blessed Holy Ghost and called him in-  
to the ministry. He went out trust-  
ing the Lord to supply his needs and  
in a wonderful way the Lord has sup-  
plied his needs since that time. His  
ministry has been greatly blessed and  
God has given him precious souls.

He is the pastor of the two country  
churches where most of the members  
are and as you see from his letter they  
have a day school at each place.  
These children are taught the Bible  
and to pray and seek God and are  
regular attendants at services. The  
Lord so often or nearly always gets  
hold of the parents of these children  
as they carry the gospel into their  
homes.

The property at both of these places  
is owned by the Church but at Hsuei-  
Pei the buildings were in bad con-  
dition and the Christians gathered to-  
gether and did the work for only their  
food. They have not been able to pay  
off the debt which is only about  
\$600.00 American money. We had  
such heavy rains last summer, many  
houses were destroyed and had these  
buildings not been new, they too  
would have fallen in—being made of  
sun dried brick.

I am sure the friends here in Amer-  
ica will come to our help at this time  
and bring in your offering—as much  
as you are able—on Foreign Mission  
day. It will be sent in to headquar-  
ters and they will come to our help.

Also I am praying and believing the  
Lord to send us some Church of God  
missionaries and as you read his let-  
ter, I trust you will feel a real Mac-  
edonian call and say, "Here am I, Lord,  
send me." Oh, dear ones, they have  
waited so long in such awful heathen  
darkness and we here are enjoying  
such light and liberty in Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Beloved, you must go or send. Jesus  
said THIS GOSPEL MUST first be  
preached in all the world for a wit-  
ness and then shall the end come.

My article is already too long and I  
must stop. I haven't room to com-  
ment on Brother Li Chih Sheng's letter ex-  
cept to say that he and his wife are  
very precious people and faithful  
workers. He is pastor of the church  
in Tsinanfu, a city of about a half  
million people. Pray for them and for  
me.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Jennie B. Rushin.

Shui-Pei, Shantung, China.

March 8, 1922.  
Our Most Precious Sister, Loving Us  
as a Dear Mother, Mrs. Rushin—  
Greetings and Love to You From All  
the Saints of Both Shui-Pei and  
Chang-Li Through the Precious  
Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Dear Sister Rushin, may God through  
your ministry in America raise up  
some more workers to do His service  
in dark China that His work may be  
more and widely extended in both  
the province of Shantung and whole  
of China.

I do thank you for your kindness  
of remembering us in your letter  
which came to Tsinanfu. I would  
have written you long before now had  
I known your address and moreover  
I have been loaded with the heavy

and sanctified and filled with the  
Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Tishie Hampton, Crab Orchard,  
Ky., asks the saints to pray that  
she will stand true through her  
trials. Also pray for Sister Holman.

Mrs. M. E. Hughes, California, Ohio,  
desires the saints everywhere to  
pray for the Lord to heal her and  
open the way for her to get out in  
the work again.

Mr. E. G. Barnwell, Creston, Tenn.,  
desires prayer that he will be de-  
livered from the demon that causes  
him to suffer so much. Pray ear-  
nestly for his healing.

Minnie Hall, Valdosta, Ga., requests  
the saints to pray that she will be  
healed, and for her husband and  
two little girls to be saved, sancti-  
fied and baptized with the Holy  
Ghost.

Mrs. D. S. Annis, Adena, Ohio, asks  
prayer for the healing of Sister  
Emma West's husband who lives in  
Florida. Also pray for him to be  
saved, sanctified and baptized with  
the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Mary Belcher, Hitchita, Okla.,  
has had trials to go through. She  
receives no encouraging words  
from her loved ones and she wants  
to move where there is a Church  
of God so she can receive encour-  
agement from the saints and keep  
her children in Sunday school.

Mrs. Lonie Heathcote, Yellow Pine,  
Ala., asks the saints to pray that  
she will be sanctified and filled  
with the Holy Ghost and healed of  
liver trouble. Pray for her daugh-  
ter who has spinal trouble and can't  
walk a step. Also pray for her  
husband and three sons to be saved.

debt which is upon us. I feel so very  
sorrowful in my heart and soul. I  
firmly believe that you, most loving  
sister, would never forget both these  
places because these two mission  
works were founded through your  
faith and your steady prayers.

Concerning the debt of this place  
there seems to be no hope for its pay-  
ment, yet the dear Lord has not placed  
this work into any other body's hands.  
I truly expect you to come back to  
China again and to come to our aid  
with some more children of God. I do  
hope that you, dear sister of all of us,  
will stretch out your helping arm to  
save our perilous condition.

At the present time there is a school  
with thirty-six pupils, while there are  
nineteen in Chang-Li's school. All ex-  
penses for both places are subscribed  
among the natives. I truly praise and  
thank the Lord for all these places.  
About our daily needs, I have no way  
to explain to you because you know  
the same from our former experiences.  
All of us are well and healthy except  
myself being sick most all the time.  
I guess it is from the heavy burden I  
have in my heart and shoulder.

Please pray for all of us here. We  
send love to you and Eugene, Roy,  
Joel and all in Jesus' precious name.

Your little humble brother in His  
service,

Ma Hsiu Yi.

Tsinanfu, N. China.

March 7, 1922.

Mrs. J. B. Rushin,

Pooler, Ga.

Dear Sister in Christ:

Greetings to you from all the saints  
of this church, my wife, my children  
and myself in the Precious Name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Since you  
left us last autumn, all of us have al-  
ways had you in remembrance both  
in prayer and in our mind. When-  
ever we are holding you up in prayer,  
we always plead to the Lord that His  
grace, peace and health from God be  
with you and be multiplied upon you  
day by day. Hallelujah! Amen.

When I was reading your letter I  
then understood that you had a hard  
time at Shanghai, and with Roy's  
sickness you were doubly burdened  
both physically and spiritually. May  
the Lord bless you. We truly praise  
God to know that you finally through  
God's providence left Shanghai Nov.  
12, 1921, and that He put you on one  
of the fastest steamers and landed  
you in the states safely. Truly the  
Lord was with you all the way  
through. For all this we give thanks  
and glory to God alone. Amen.

We thank you much indeed for your  
continual remembrance of the mission  
work and of us. I am very glad to re-  
port that our work has been very  
much in progress in the Lord. All  
the saints are close to the Lord from  
the way they are reading their Bibles  
and praying and meeting all the time—  
even in the most stormy day last  
winter, they would always come to  
meetings while they don't care to  
come out in cold weather at all.

Last October, Mr. Chow got married  
You will remember that both his  
father and mother were immersed in  
our mission. They indeed love the  
Lord and do all His will, they put  
away all their former heathenism.  
They invited me over to their home  
to perform the ceremony in marrying  
their son. So I responded to their in-  
vitation. With all the saints, I went  
to their home and we sang a song,  
prayed and preached before all the  
attendants to the marriage. Truly, they  
have all been very much impressed by  
the way we were performing the  
marriage, all the glory should be His,  
hallelujah.

On last Christmas day all the saints  
gathered themselves together in the  
meeting, worshipping the Lord and  
celebrating His birth, all of us praised

God with singing and testifying all  
to the glory of God. After the meeting  
we took a little tea and cake, we were  
all happy in the Lord, we had alto-  
gether fifty-six people, including chil-  
dren. At this time Mr. Shen's mother  
and wife also had believed in the  
Lord and they did not worship the  
idols in the Chinese New Year. For  
the same we all praised God.

On the first day of the Chinese New  
Year, it was snowing very heavily,  
we all came together to worship God.  
It was cold outside while we were  
warm in our hearts. Mr. Rushin had  
given us five dollars for coal, we  
therefore, were warm in the room too.  
On the ninth of last Chinese Decem-  
ber, our neighbor Wang's store was  
set on fire while we all were fast  
sleeping, we heard the noise on the  
street, we then saw the fire, then both  
my wife and myself and children knelt  
on the compound praying loudly and  
asking the Lord to be merciful upon  
us. Some one then came to the gate  
and knocked at the same frantically,  
we didn't pay much attention to that,  
we kept on praying. It was a good  
thing that the dear Lord did not cause  
any wind to blow that night. We,  
therefore, were saved from being tak-  
en on fire. Until two o'clock in the  
morning everything was calm and  
the next day we learned that eight  
rooms were buried in the fire in  
Wang's house but not one got hurt  
from the fire, for the same we praise  
God.

I am so happy to hear that you had  
some precious meetings and that there  
is going to be a great hope coming  
for our work, and also that Eugene  
was very much favored with the peo-  
ple in school. May the dear Lord  
bless him and please greet him very  
much for me whenever you write. I  
have read your letter to the saints in  
the meeting, they were all glad to  
hear from you and all thank and  
praise God for you.

Mr. Ma Hsiu is still now in Shui-  
Pei, the house has been already com-  
pleted and they are all well and happy  
there. About your room here I have  
always had it locked and nobody can  
get into the room, so you will rest  
sure that no one will stay in your  
room while I am keeping it locked.

Now we have a few more saints  
saved lately, one is Mr. Hsu Feng  
Tung, Chiang Yin Nan, a student, Mr.  
Sun, an old man about sixty years of  
age, one Pien Ta Sao and Miss Sun,  
these five saints are very close to the  
Lord and also we have Mrs. Shen, the  
mother and her daughter-in-law, they  
are not as sincere as the other five, nev-  
ertheless they have forsaken their  
idols. Now please remember these  
people in your prayers. Mrs. Shen got  
convicted by the Holy Spirit's power  
because she always holds her dignity  
but this time she seemed to have no  
one beside her, alone with the Lord.  
All the saints are taught to pray very  
much. When we have meeting the  
room is always filled.

My daughter, Pao Chen, was sick  
with stomach trouble the other day.  
We prayed for her, she was delivered  
the next day instantly. My wife was  
sick for two days without eating any-  
thing and she was healed by the Lord,  
all the saints here believe in healing.  
Please, dear Sister Rushin, remember  
all of us before the Lord that we may  
get more to be brought into the king-  
dom of God and we do trust that you  
will come back to China as soon as  
it is possible for you.

Love to you, Roy and Joel and the  
pastor of your church and all the  
saints there from all the saints here  
and my wife, children and myself in  
the name of Jesus Christ. Trusting  
you and all your children are well  
and happy in His service, I am,

Your brother and co-worker in His  
service,

Li Chih Sheng.

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# THE MESSAGES OF THREE ANGELS

Apocalypse, Chapter 14:6-13.

F. J. Lee

Ques. What did we have in the tenth chapter concerning a mighty angel?

Ans. We had the narration concerning a mighty angel who stood with one foot on land and one on sea, who gave John a book that he might be able to prophesy. The same angel appears in chapter eleven. He gave John a reed and told him to measure the temple. He also explained to John about the two witnesses that were to be the means of salvation to the 144,000 Jews. The narration is finished concerning the 144,000 in the fourteenth chapter.

Ques. What is said in the fourteenth chapter about another angel?

Ans. John said, "I saw another angel (one different to the one who stands on land and sea)."

Ques. Is this an angel or does it only represent the preachers of the gospel?

Ans. This is an angel, "another angel." The preceding angel was an individual angel whom we have shown to be Jesus Christ; then why not this other angel that follows in narration of recurrence be an individual angel? Yes, I say this is an individual angel just as much as the other one was.

Ques. What is the message of this angel?

Ans. He has an everlasting gospel message for the people who yet remain upon the earth.

Ques. What is the meaning of the word gospel?

Ans. It means good news.

Ques. What is the meaning of everlasting?

Ans. The word used in this instance in the Greek is *aiōn*, which means ages, future or past, but in this instance future. This, doubtless, means good news to the inhabitants of earth, those that were true.

Ques. Where will this angel be while bringing this message?

Ans. He will fly in the midst of heaven.

Ques. What of his voice?

Ans. He will cry out with a loud voice this message as he flies.

Ques. What is said of the voice of the former angel?

Ans. He "cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth."

Ques. What will this angel referred to as another angel exhort the people to do?

Ans. "Fear God, and give glory to him \* \* \* and worship him."

Ques. Why will He exhort that they worship at this time?

Ans. Because the hour of His judgment is come.

Ques. Why should the hour of judgment so affect them?

Ans. They should rejoice because they are now to enter into this which the good news message brings to them. It is good news that the final blow was soon to take place and the afflicted saints are to enter into the peaceful reign, the millennium.

Ques. Who is to follow the angel that has the encouraging news?

Ans. Another angel follows, "saying Babylon is fallen \* \* \* because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Verse 8.

Ques. The announcement that Babylon is fallen should affect the inhabitants in what way?

Ans. They should rejoice and give glory to God as the former angel had admonished.

Ques. Where do we get a complete view of the fall of Babylon?

Ans. Chapter eighteen gives the description of which we will take up in order.

Ques. What does the third angel proclaim with a loud voice?

Ans. He says, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosever receiveth the mark of his name."

It isn't any wonder that the angel appears at this time to encourage the people with the good news message.

Ques. What did a voice from heaven speak to encourage the inhabitants in this trying time?

Ans. The voice said, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Ques. Why will they need encouragement at this time?

Ans. The antichrist with his officers will be forcing the people to worship him or his image and also receive his mark but if they refuse they will have to die, this voice from heaven is to encourage them to die standing for the right.

Ques. What did John say as a kind of parenthesis after the angel told him of the terrible suffering that the saints would undergo during the reign of the antichrist?

Ans. "Here is the patience of the saints, who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."—Syriac version. It is true that they will need a great deal of patience in this trial, else they will give down and receive the mark of the beast.

Ques. What does saint mean as mentioned in the above verse?

Ans. Saint means a holy person.—Webster.

Ques. What does it mean to keep the commandments as required by Jesus?

Ans. Repent, believe on Jesus; Be ye holy even as he is holy; Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Ques. What does Jesus say He will do for those who keep His commandments?

Ans. He said He would pray the Father and He would give us another Comforter, John 14:15,16. To keep His commandments means to get really saved and sanctified, then He can and will lead us into all truth. But there are some things that people think are the commandments that never have and never will cause any one to receive the other Comforter. (To be Continued)

## A MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN HELL

S. E. Gonia

We find that the rich man had a desire to get out of the place of torment. He had a missionary spirit when he got there for he said, Send someone to my father's house and warn my five brethren. Oh, send some one to tell them not to come to this place of torment.

Dear reader, it would have been so much better if he had had a missionary spirit before he got there. It would be better for us that we should wake up and come to the Lord Jesus Christ and go to work to save our friends while we are on praying ground and in this world.

Our missionary spirit wouldn't help us if we were in hell or in the lost world. People will have their memory down there just the same as here. If Cain is in that lost world, no doubt, he can remember the pleading of his brother Abel. He can remember how he looked when he smote him, he can hear that piercing cry tonight, he has not forgotten it, no. All these long years Cain remembers what he might have been, how he despised the God of grace and lost his soul. Thousands of years have rolled away but still Cain has to think, he cannot help but think.

I have no doubt but that Judas remembers how Christ preached that sermon he heard on the mountain and how Christ looked when he wept over Jerusalem and he can see those tears tonight. Oh, he can hear that voice as he cried over Jerusalem, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Oh, he hears that cry, he can see that kind, mild, gentle look of the Son of God. He can hear that voice as Christ said to him in Gethsemane, "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" Yes, memory is at work. His memory woke up before he died, then he went out and destroyed himself, taking his remorse and despair with him into the lost world.

Do you think those antediluvians have forgotten how Noah pleaded with them? They laughed at the ark. I have no doubt if you had gone and preached to them a week before the flood and told them that there was a hell, not one of them would have believed it. If you had told them that there was to be a deluge and that God was going to sweep them away from the earth, they would not have believed it.

If you had gone to Sodom and told the people that God was going to destroy the city, they would have laughed at you. In the same way, men make light of and laugh at hell today. But did it change the fact? No. Did not God destroy the cities of the plain? So with Jerusalem, Christ told how destruction would come upon it and they mocked Him and crucified Him. Look down the stream of time. In forty short years Titus came up against that city and besieged it and there were a million that perished. Yes, those Jerusalem sinners who are in the lost world can remember how Christ wept over Jerusalem, walked their streets, went into their temple and preached and pleaded with them to escape for their life and flee the damnation of hell, but they mocked on, they laughed on, they made light until it was too late and they are gone now.

Oh, may God wake up this world and may every unsaved man and woman escape for their lives before it is too late. The apostle says, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

I am thanking God deep down in my heart that I did not reject this great salvation. I used to seek honor and a big name in this world but since Jesus came into my life, my mind is changed as well as my heart and I am praising God because I belong to the despised few.

In reading God's Word I find when we are thought much of in this world, it is likely that Christ will not have much to say for us in the next world. Christ's loved ones are despised and hated. (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." They have to put up with all kinds of contempt.

If people didn't talk about me some and cast my name out as evil I would

wonder if I were in the right way but that is what Christ's people have to endure here. We will have to praise God for it all. It keeps us from linking ourselves with this world, from setting all our hopes and desires upon it. I praise God my mind is stayed on Christ and the things pertaining to salvation. I gave up this world when I took Jesus by the hand to walk with Him. If we are to serve Christ and reach heaven we must sail right against the world and its ways.

It is an old but true saying that a dead fish always swims with the current and we can always tell the living fish when we see it swimming against the current, and in like manner if we are dead we will be sailing right along, smoothly enough with this world and be very well satisfied with ourselves but if we are alive in Christ Jesus we will be struggling with might and main against the world, its sins and temptations. We will be seeking to win every soul we can for Christ, regardless of the world's scoffs and sneers and frowns. Be not discouraged, although the way is rough and weary, look up, there is reserved for us a great reward in heaven—beyond the clouds, the sorrows and the tears. Glory! As I write I can hear Jesus urging us to, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Glory to God on high!

## THE SECOND WORK OF GRACE

E. D. Thornton

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thes. 4:3. God has said, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." It is God's express command and every true child of God will ask, How can I obtain it?

God called John Wesley and anointed him to bring forth the Bible doctrine and truth of holiness, the second work of grace. The common church members dislike the word holiness, not because they are acquainted with it but because they have seen many who profess to have this experience and fail to live it. They have a right to demand that

us, no disposition contrary to the will of God in the soul of the newborn child of God there would be no necessity for the work of the cleansing blood, the second work of grace that sanctifies wholly. Jesus prayed for His disciples, "Sanctify them through thy truth." John 17:17. He loved the Church and gave Himself for it, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it unto Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." Eph. 5:26, 27.

It is absolutely necessary that you go on and meet God's condition in His holy Word and receive the sanctifying power in the blood of Jesus. The adamic sin, the inbred nature is not destroyed at justification. God sent His Son into the world not only that He might justify and forgive and save His people from their outward transgressions but that He might sanctify them wholly and take out the inbred sin that we might be pure "even as he is pure."

A soul is never saved and sanctified at the same time or at one act of God's grace. It is impossible because it is contrary to God's plan revealed in His Word. God never works contrary to His Word. Then, too, the sinner when he comes to God does not realize his need of sanctification. He cannot. The Spirit convicts the sinner of his lost condition, his sin against God causes him to repent and plead for pardon and he is forgiven. Then God reveals the need of sanctification, the cleansing from the adamic nature of sin that flows in the veins of every man and woman born into the world. From the fall, sin passed upon the whole world. All are sinners by birth as well as sinners by choice. And it takes justification by faith to save us from our sins, actual committed sins and it takes sanctification, the second work of grace through the blood of Jesus Christ to eradicate the inbred sin that was born in us from our forefathers through the fall of Adam. If there are uprisings in your heart, fretfulness or peevishness, you are not sanctified. If you get offended under provocation, if you contend for your opinion, your own way, you are not sanctified. You know whether there

# THE CHURCH OF GOD

T. S. Payne

(Continued from last week)

He gave His Church power to do business for Him. While Jesus was upon earth He went about doing good and preaching to the people to repent or they would perish.

He did not establish the Church Himself but told His disciples to go to Jerusalem and tarry till endued with power from on high. After this He told them to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:16-18.

These are the people whom Jesus gave the right to establish the Church of God, and the real Church of God people of today desire to see signs follow believers and are contending for all the things that Paul said God had set in the Church.

When the real Church was established under the Bible plan, there were officers in it, therefore, there must be officers to fill these offices.

A person has a right under the teachings of the Apostle Paul, to desire the office of a bishop and Paul said if he desired such office, he desired a good work. He then described the qualifications of a bishop so that the Church in selecting such a person need make no mistake. We also have the qualifications of a deacon given unto us in the Word until we know just who to ordain for that office.

In Acts 14 we find that Paul and Barnabas in their work for the Lord had visited many churches and "had ordained them elders in every church." At Antioch they found certain men who had come down from Judea teaching that, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved." Acts 15:1.

This kind of doctrine did not suit Paul and Barnabas and after no small dissension and disputation with them, they agreed that Paul and Barnabas and certain other of them should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. The Church of God in her early history had an annual meeting at Jerusalem of the apostles and elders to consider questions and find out God's order of things. Thus we see how willing these men were, after they failed to agree, to wait until the general Assembly of the Churches of God at Jerusalem and let that assembly of God's servants settle forever this question of circumcision. Neither do we ever hear of this question being raised again by any of them.

How easy it is today for men of God who want to do the right thing and who are willing to submit to the wise council of those that have the rule over them in the Lord to come together in council on questions of difference and accept the Bible teaching and get questions settled by the Word without quarrels or disputings.

When these great and good men met at Jerusalem and were received of the Church and apostles and the elders they began to tell what God had done with them. None told what he had done but what God had done.

In the meantime certain of the Pharisee's rose up and said, "It was needful to circumcise them, and to keep the law of Moses." Acts 15:5. Then "the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter." This had really become a question of so marked differences that it was very necessary for this assembly of God's people to take the matter in hand and dispose of it the Bible way.

After this question of circumcision had been duly discussed, Peter rose up and told how God had made choice among them, that by his mouth the Gentiles might hear the Word of the Gospel and believe. "Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them." Acts 15:12.

When they had held their peace, James answered by declaring how "God at the first did visit the Gentiles, take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up; That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood." Acts 15:20.

After they had written this letter, it pleased the apostles and elders with the whole church to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch, with Paul and Barnabas, such men as Judas, Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren.

By these they sent letters after this manner, "The apostles and elders brethren send greetings unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch, and Syria and Cilicia: Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls,

saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no such commandment: It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same thing by mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." Acts 15:24-28.

We notice that "these apostles were very careful that all agreed to the same thing and it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to them before they ever reached a definite conclusion and when once this question was settled with them, we have never found where any of them ever mentioned it again.

(To be Continued)

## Marching to Victory in California

To the Many Brothers and Sisters Scattered Throughout Many States—Greetings:

It has been a long time since I sent in a report but I assure you I am pressing onward and upward. Since last I wrote to the Evangelist I have suffered oh, so much but I realize that we are called to a life of suffering. I am not complaining or questioning God. I still believe with all my heart that I am in the will of God in California but, oh, how hard to be here so far away from most all the dear saints and Churches of God, and when God took my husband from my side as we were on our way to a service for Him, it was hard to understand and it left me so completely alone, not an earthly prop to lean upon, among strangers you might say, but the little Church of God here did all in their power to comfort me.

Oh, there surely has never been such opposing powers hurled against the Church of God in any place as there has been in Baldwin Park, Cal., but we are marching on to victory. From January to April first we had Bible studies three times a week and took up the different points of doctrine until all the members were perfectly taught. Oh, how awful to know the false doctrines that are going about today but God has many children who are hungry for the Word and will accept the truth when presented to them in the right way.

I have not evangelized any so far as it was necessary to stand by the little flock here. We have had no building to worship in except the homes but we expect to build soon.

Brother Hockett bought us a tent last week. We are using it now for worship but will evangelize soon.

About April first we rented the hall at Azusa at a cost of ten dollars a week and held meeting for two weeks. Three were sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost.

The sinners in California are so thoroughly disgusted with any one who talks in tongues, it is almost impossible to reach them. They have been watching the "tongues movement" for years and have found so much that is impure and unholy, they turn away in disgust and the people who have the Holy Ghost (or have had Him) are as afraid of the Church of God as they are of poison. They have done that which was right in their own eyes for so long, they are afraid of the bride that turns them around. It has often been said in my presence here that it was hard to find two people in any of the assemblies who see alike. Of course this leads to disputings and even quarrels until it is no wonder they are so divided. It is wonderful to hear the "little handful" of lambs we rescued, testify to the sweet peace, unity and fellowship they have since they came into the great Church of God. Several of them are planning to come to the Assembly this fall. Hope we will have some representatives there.

It looks gloomy to me looking at the financial side from a human standpoint. I owe such a large debt (for me) on my husband's funeral and burial expense and so far have not been able to meet any of it. But my faith in God has not wavered. I realize it is a trial of faith. I am waiting before God in fasting and prayer. Have been fasting almost a week and shall continue until God hears and answers me. Will you join me in prayer that God will help me in some way? Oh, this has been a hard year for me in many respects and yet God has been so good and real to me. But I never intend to look back. The fight must be fought and God will be victorious.

He has sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God a minister from the Congregational church. I think the Church of God will have a great defender and a loyal soldier when he cuts loose and gets started. His wife is a noble woman and she too has had her call to carry the message.

One thing I assure you I am preaching the straight unvarnished truth and holding up the Church of God in all her beauty.

Do you ever pray for California? Oh, how we need your prayers. Please do not forget us. Though we are 3,000 miles from you, we love you and are loyal in every fiber.

In much Christian love,  
Mrs. S. A. (B. L.) Shepherd,  
Baldwin Park, Cal.

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There are two works of grace necessary. The new birth transforms the life, and habits and appetites are removed, but there is still a remaining root down in the soul that cannot wholly and unreservedly yield to the will of God. It takes a complete death. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6:6. Then the mind, soul, spirit and body are wholly in subjection to the will of God.

Paul said, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." 1 Thes. 5:23. The heart of the child of God is not wholly purified when he is justified. Sin is overcome but the root is not destroyed. It is conquered, every child of God has the victory over sin. Sin has no more dominion over them, but the inbred nature is not taken out. The experience of thousands of God's people prove that the root of sin, the self-will and the uprisings still remain in the heart, the old depravity is felt. Then is time to flee to God for the second work of grace—entire sanctification. The blood of Jesus will sanctify you wholly and destroy the old nature completely and create within you a new heart.

If there were no fallen nature in

are any uprisings of any unholy nature in your heart and if there are you should seek at once for sanctification.

Is your heart holy within? How does it work and feel and love under test and trial? Examine the issues of your heart and you will know whether you are sanctified. When you have the experience there is no doubt about it for you have the real witness within. If you do not know whether you have the experience of sanctification, it is sufficient proof that you have not the sanctifying power of the blood flowing through your soul. We would advise you to seek it with all your heart.

## Pray For Her To Be Healed

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

As I am not able to go to church to get in my testimony, I want to testify through the dear Evangel. When I sent in my other testimony to you I didn't have the blessed Holy Ghost but, praise the Lord, I have the Holy Ghost now with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, praise His precious name!

I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me. He wonderfully touched my body when I was so low with tuberculosis. The disease has not fully turned my body loose yet. I am still trusting Him for healing. I am confined to my bed most of the time. I can't sit up but about two hours a day. I want every saint that reads this and loves God's children, for I know I am one of them, to pray a special prayer for my body to be healed. I feel like God has a work for me to do.

There are not any holiness people here in this town but my mother. Pray for God to send some holiness workers to this place. There are hungry hearts here.

I would like to get letters from the saints. It always cheers me to get a good letter. Pray for my loved ones.

Mrs. Vera Medlin,  
Donalds, S. C.



## Sees The Great Need of The Bible School

To the Saints Everywhere:

I want to write a few words about the Church of God Bible School which I enjoyed so much for the past six months. Surely I spent some of my happiest days there and now I am only waiting for the time to come when I can go again. And I am not the only one who is looking forward to that time but many others.

It is truly wonderful the way the Lord comes down with His presence and blesses us while studying His Word. It seemed at times that we could almost feel ourselves grow and we were growing. But I am afraid there are many who do not realize the importance of this school. I am sure they do not realize it as we who have attended. If they could only see the way God is putting His approval on the school and the great improvement so many have made, I am sure they who are able would try to attend the next term. Those who cannot go themselves should give of their means to help send some one who is not able. Some may not need the school as bad as I did and some may need it more as I had some knowledge of the Bible, being raised in a Christian home and taught it from a child but there are so many who did not have my chance. Some, no doubt, never read a chapter in the Bible before they got salvation. But now they have the blessing and they feel God has called them to work for Him but before they go it is necessary for them to understand the Bible or else it will not be long until they will meet up with some opposers and some who know the Bible and can quote Scripture and maybe misquote some. And he not knowing whether it is Scripture or not, or does not know any to give him in return will have to go away with his head down feeling badly.

I believe we are seeing the need of the school more than ever before. There was a young man in the school last year. I am sure he would not care if I mentioned his name. He had been very wicked and had gotten salvation only a few months before school started and came to school on money he had gambled for. At first no one seemed to care much about him, I might say some almost had to endure him, as he had not entirely broken away from his old ways. But he meant business and began improving from the very start and we all began to love him more and more. Before school closed you would hardly have known him to be the same man. Nearly every one spoke of the great change he had made, not only the students but outsiders and he himself said he didn't see how any one could change so in six months. Before he left the school I don't believe there was a student in the school that was loved by all more than he was. He made one of the highest grades in the school and could preach a sermon that would surprise the people. One afternoon an outsider came in while he was talking. He asked how long he had been preaching and when he was told that he had been saved only a few months he said it seemed impossible for him to preach that way, when only a few months ago he knew scarcely any Bible at all and was a rank sinner. If it had not been for the school it would have taken him months and perhaps years to have learned what he knew.

I have in mind a young lady who was so timid when she came to the school that she could not read a chapter without being compelled to. Before the school closed she could outline a subject and give a talk that would interest the whole school and we were obliged to keep some things she said in remembrance so as to use them ourselves.

There are hundreds who would make just such workers for the Lord as these and many more have made if they only had the chance to attend the school, but the sad part is, they haven't the means. They are anxious to go, they want to do something for God, they are just longing for a chance to get to go to school but when the time comes for school to start they have to sit down with a sad heart and stay at home. Some times it seems like it is almost more than they can bear. I am sure if people could feel as I do about this thing, they would be willing to sacrifice a little and help cheer up their lives and make them great workers for the Lord. They are willing to sacrifice the time and not only that but are willing to go on one or two meals a day if they could only attend the school. I was willing and went for weeks eating only two meals a day in order to pull through but there are many who would be willing to do on less than I did if they could only get to go.

I know of a young man and his wife who would make great workers for the Lord and they are doing their very best under the circumstances but having scarcely any education and having been saved only a short time they can do so little to what they could if they could only attend the school for a few months. Having been with them a great deal I know they would be willing to go on half of what they really needed in order to get to go but they haven't the other half. I have seen them fast and pray for days at a time. They really have the work to heart and are praying for God to open the way for them to go to the school next term. There are many in the same condition.

I know of one who worked and saved enough money to go through last

term of school but now her money is gone and having come from a long distance she could not afford to pay her railroad fare back home and then make enough to go the next term and besides that she is a good worker and needed on the field so badly. Many preachers are longing for a good worker who will put their whole soul in the work to sing and work, at the altar. She feeling the need decided to go out and work for precious souls and probably will not get enough to pull her through this summer as times are so hard and then when school starts again she won't have a cent to finish school on. And it would take only such a little to put her through another term, just a little over one hundred dollars will pay one's board and tuition.

There are seventy-six churches in Florida and if each church would give as much as one dollar and thirty cents it would almost put one through school. If each member would give between four and five cents it would pay one through school. Think what a small amount, surely to the smallest child could pay five cents in a whole year and help make a great preacher in the Church of God. Think, if each member of Florida would give a dollar in a year it would send twenty-two students to the school this fall. Not only from Florida but other states as well if they would do this we could soon have hundreds of Church of God preachers that would know the Bible and the teachings of the Church of God to sweep over this United States in to the states where there is only one and two churches and others that haven't any. Oh, I wish they could just feel a little of what I feel about the Church. They, yes, every member, would throw in their five cents and many their dollars.

I tell you that we who have been there and have enjoyed the school and are feeling the good we have gotten out of it are willing to do our part and help send some one and we know how they appreciate it. If it had not been for the good people of Cleveland and a few of Florida I never would have gotten through last term but I thank them over and over again. Praise God for such people. They of Cleveland are surely standing by the students with their means.

I never will forget the happy days I spent there. The only thing I dislike about the school is the last day when we have to separate from those we have been with for six months and have learned to love so well. I still love every one dearly and especially our teachers who were so loving, gentle and kind. I will never forget Brother Ellis as I think of the patience he had with us, he never seemed to get out of patience the least bit but would bear with us as a father when so many times it seemed so hard to understand. Yet, he could talk straight when necessary but would do it with such love for us that we would have to cry and ask God to forgive us of our short comings. Many times have I seen him cry as he talked and gave us advice. It was impossible for us not to love him. I am sure he loves the Church of God better than His own life. I praise God for such a man as he is in the Church of God. He is a real school teacher and takes an interest in every one of his scholars just alike. He has been a real father to many of us and Sister Chambers right by his side with the patience of Job to help carry the load.

I surely praise God for the Bible school and teachers. But there are hundreds who are longing to go next term, who will help send them? You may not know whom to send it to or who needs it. Send it to Brother Tomlinson, he will consult the teachers and find out who needs it the most and I will promise you that no one will get it except those that are worthy.

I praise God because I am in this way and getting more settled all the time. I remember a few months ago when I first started out in the work, I would get a little fearful when the hard places would come and if it had not been for some great men at the head of the Church of God I might have given up. I remember one time especially when money was all gone—clothes worn out and I was off alone, my old job came up in my mind and I thought of the money I could have if I were at home. But when I got back to the house I picked up the Evangel and there on the front page was something like this, "Only the true blue are going to stand through this testing time." After reading the piece I said, "No, I can't afford to be in that crowd that drops out, I must be one that pulls through." Not long after this I went to the camp meeting at Wimauma and was talking to Brother Lee. He told of several that had gone home and had taken up their old jobs again, and said it was surely a trying time and would show what the ministers were made of. Only those who are not pure gold will fall out so I said again, "Lord, it will not do for me to stop now, I would be classed with them."

You who are looking over us don't know how many little words you said and didn't think much about it at the time that have gone to many of our hearts and caused us to take new courage and start out again with more zeal to go through and have caused us to get a good foothold and no doubt you will never know in this world but it will tell when we get to eternity.

I praise God for such men as our General Overseer and state overseer. Other states may have just as good men but I am sure they can be no better. I love the Church of God and her members. God bless you all.

Pray for me that I may be useful in the service of the Lord and do not forget the Bible school this fall.

Zeno C. Tharp,  
Wimauma, Fla.

## Wants a Church Set in Order

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

I am praising the dear Lord for what He has done for me. He saved me from my sins, sanctified me wholly and last Easter Sunday He filled me with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6. Praise the Lord.

Since that time two have been sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and others are looking this way.

I feel like traveling on. I was a Baptist preacher for about six years but the Lord has saved me from that. Bless His name!

I have preached four sermons since I received the Holy Ghost and the Lord has blessed me in giving out the Word.

We are a little band of colored people and are standing for the Church of God. I have the Minutes of the last Assembly of the Church held at Cleveland, Tenn., and we are fellowshipping the government as best we can.

We ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will have His way with us. We want the church set in order.

A brother for lost souls,  
J. A. Sears,  
Delta, Ala.

## Heard the Mighty Rushing Wind

The meeting at Mineral Park, Tenn., was held by Brother I. G. Roberts, a God-sent man filled with the Holy Ghost. He preached with the power sent down from God to a church that was almost gone. They were scattered, some in one way and some in another and all that had not backslidden had grown cold and the church was almost dead. There hadn't been any services in the house in two years until this year and then just a few came.

We were praying very hard for God to send us a man that would preach the true and straight gospel and so He did. Praise His dear name!

After the first night the house was nearly full. After that there were many people, we did not know where they came from. The fourth night of the meeting we never heard such a sermon as Brother Roberts preached. The altar was filled with seekers, they were on their faces crying out to God to be saved. I heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind and I surely thought the house would blow off. About that time the power fell, the saints were shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. It seemed to me that the house was riding the waves of glory. Brother Roberts' sermon had broken the ice and the light shined into our cold hearts. Glory! Glory! Brother Roberts wept and prayed eight days and nights to get the old ship of Zion flying again and I think he has succeeded. He is surely loved by every body at Mineral Park.

I have never seen such a meeting in this country. There were twenty-three saved, eighteen sanctified, thirteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and thirteen were added to the Church in a one week's meeting. Others are to join yet.

Your humble sister in Christ,  
Mrs. C. J. Goodwin,  
Mineral Park, Tenn.

## When the Tithes are Gathering in. Mal. 3:8-10

Elmer M. Walker

There'll be showers of blessing from our Father's hand,  
As we obey our Father's pure and holy command;

When the tithes are gathering in,  
On His Word of promise we may firmly stand,  
There'll be rains refreshing on the thirsty land.

When the tithes are gathering in,  
Chorus:

When the tithes are gathering in,  
When the tithes are gathering in;  
Oh what shouting, oh what singing,  
Oh what blessing, oh what rejoicing,  
When the tithes are gathering in.

There'll be shouts of triumph from the conquering host,  
For with our Lord we will conquer every foe;

When the tithes are gathering in,

There'll be perfect freedom in the Holy Ghost,

Every one empowered as at Pentecost,

When the tithes are gathering in.

Then will come the dawning of the reign of peace,  
When the devil and his foe have been defeated;

When the tithes are gathering in,  
When the wars and conflicts shall forever cease,  
And for struggling saints shall come a sweet release,

When the tithes are gathering in.

We will rob no longer our Lord and King,

What to Him belongeth, we will gladly bring;

When the tithes are gathering in,  
And we'll shout Hosanna, while the glad harps ring,

And with our heavenly Father we'll shout and sing,  
When the tithes are gathering in.

## THE CHURCH OF GOD

Nollie Lewis

The Church of God, I know it's right,  
The Church of God is love and light;  
That Holy Spirit is from above,  
That binds our hearts with that sweet love,

And leads us as we onward tread,  
To our heavenly home of God.

I know the Church of God is right,  
It came from God to give us light,  
That we might do His holy will,  
And lead them from dark paths of sin,

And preach the Word as it is given,  
With the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

The Church of God, I know will stand,

Its government is God's command,  
It's such a clean and holy way,  
I pray to live it every day,  
And with God's hand I will stand,  
And be one of that holy band.

I was a very wicked boy and gave the devil about thirty years of my life. I drank whiskey, got drunk, would fight my fellow-men, go to dances and dance all night, go to the gambling dens and gamble all day and night, would drink whiskey until when I shut my eyes for sleep, the snakes would get hold of me—and I had plenty of friends all the time.

I joined the Baptist church and thought I would get cleaned up of all these things and live a better life but when I got into the church I found the deacon drinking and the preacher said it wasn't any harm to take a drink so I kept right on in my sins. It wasn't long until I seemed to be worse than ever. I left the Baptist church and wandered on in sin, thinking maybe God would help me out sometime. Finally I got married to one of the best girls in the world, I thought, and we have been married about nineteen years and I still think the same thing about her. When our first baby came I wanted to raise her to be a good girl so I joined the Methodist church thinking that would be the right thing for me to do. I tried to live up to the Bible the best I could. I was made steward and Sunday school superintendent, and began to feel my responsibility and tried harder to be what I ought to be for the sake of my baby, the church and Sunday school. Two more babies came into our home so there was more responsibility. Praise the Lord for responsibility.

I began to search God's Word a little closer and learn the duties of these responsibilities and as I searched I found I must be a man cleansed from all sin. I asked my preacher about these things and he said we couldn't live without sin. I asked him why we couldn't live above sin but he couldn't satisfy my soul with his answers. He finally told me a man could live without willful transgression but could not live without sin. I couldn't see why Jesus came to save His people from their sins and still they couldn't help but sin. About this time Brother Z. D. Simpson from Alabama came to our state preaching sanctification and holiness. It seemed that the first sermon he preached was all to me. Praise the dear Lord. I began to search the Bible a little closer, finally I decided that Brother Simpson and the Bible were right. I began to seek salvation and sanctification and the Lord blessed me, and I joined the holiness church. Glory to God! Then I lost my friends. After this Brother Simpson began to tell us about the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn. He then decided to join the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn., so the whole church went with him and he landed us on the solid rock that Jesus told Peter about.

Before I was sanctified I used to bacco for about twenty-one years. One night after all had gone to bed, I was searching God's Word and found where it said, "Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." I said, "Tobacco is filthy and I will use no more." I fell on my knees in faith to God and told Him if He would take the appetite away, I would never let it touch my lips again. That has been about fourteen years ago and tobacco hasn't touched my lips since. Praise the Lord!

I began to hear about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave witness. I found where the Lord said, "Tarry," so I began to tarry for the Holy Ghost and it wasn't long until He came in and spoke for Himself. Praise the Lord! I thank Jesus for the Holy Ghost, He is such a Comforter. Praise our King.

I found in the Word where it said if we loved the Lord, we would keep His commandments, and if "any sick among you" let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him \*\*\*: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Praise the Lord! He has healed me many times. I am trusting Jesus for all good things. He says He will never leave us nor forsake us but will be with us to the end of the world. He said

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He would stick closer than a brother. I love Jesus. He is everything to me.

I praise my Redeemer for justification by faith, salvation by grace and sanctification by the blood and for sending the Comforter from the Father and for His healing power by faith. I thank God for His Son, our Savior who died for us and established the great Church of God that Jesus died for. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." I John 4:8.

Sometimes I hear people say they do not belong to the Church of God or even like to read the Church of God paper because it is too churchy. Still they claim they love Christ. I do not see how a man can love the head of Jesus without loving the body, the head was bruised by the thorns, the body was pierced by the spear and the hands were pierced by the nails, the head and body suffer together. Oh, how I love Jesus and His body. Jesus said if we have not the Spirit of Christ, we are none of His. I don't see how we could have the Spirit of Christ and not love His Church. I would not call myself a Christian if I couldn't love His Church. Jesus told us to love one another as He has loved us. Praise God!

I am burning all the bridges behind me. This highway that Isaiah spoke of in Isa. 35:8 just suits me. I am like Job, I am going to trust Him though He slay me. I am standing on all the Word of God rightly divided, the only thing that is safe and will stand forever.

Your brother in the Lord,  
W. H. Thompson,  
Artesia, Miss.

## Forget Not All His Benefits

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family—Greetings:  
"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psa. 103:2.

I thank and praise God for His great love for me because when I was traveling the broad way that leadeth to destruction, He had compassion on me and saved me from sin, sanctified me with His precious blood, filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire and set me on the run for heaven. Hallelujah!

I still feel the fire burning in my soul and a determination to make heaven my home at any cost because I have so many precious promises from my Redeemer to stand on. I am glad that salvation is free to all who will receive it. Praise the Lord! I am not ashamed to confess Him before the world because He said, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." Luke 9:26. I am glad I am one who praises the Lord for this highway of holiness spoken of in Isaiah.

I am glad I am a member of the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I love the church

with her beautiful government. I have been a member nearly five years and intend to be one as long as I live because she is the only one I find in the Bible. I praise God for faith and grace to trust Him for healing. I have been trusting Him more than five years and He has always been a present help in trouble. Praise His name!

I love the Evangel with its messages of love. It surely is heavenly food to my soul. I have just read Sister Frye's poem of the Faithful Standard and I think it is fine.

Pray that God will send a great old time pentecostal revival to this place. Also pray that I may obey the Lord at all times.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. Minnie Rhoden,  
Glen St. Mary, Fla.

## I am With Thee To Deliver Thee.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising the Lord for the way He blesses me from day to day and for the real love that abides in my heart. I praise Him because He gave me the knowledge to see the light on His great church. Praise God! I feel like traveling on for I have victory to overcome all temptations that come along. Sometimes the devil puts everything in the way but, glory to God, I can look up and say, "Help me, Jesus, to walk in the light you have given me and bless the ones who spitefully use me." Praise God!

Dear young people, I am so glad this highway is for the young as well as the old but yet there are so many young boys and girls going on in sin without a thought of death or eternity but you are surely going to die. Don't be too proud to enter into this humble way. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Don't let your friends turn you by making fun or slight remarks for they can't take you to heaven. No matter what threats are made against you, the Word says, "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." Jer. 1:8. When we get to heaven no threats, sneers or fun making will be there.

Young sinners, get ready for the time is soon. Get your lamps trimmed, the feast is ready, come and dine, if you do not you are lost. Dear friends, the great road of hell is going to be packed with dancers, drunkards, gamblers, joy-riders, fad lovers and mockers of the Holy Ghost. The flames of hell are waiting for you. O let me beg you to give your heart to God. Read the blessed Word and pray more. If you miss heaven, you have missed all. God is calling yet, He is knocking and pleading, "Come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord." Isa. 2:5. And we will all have eternal rest. Glory!

Your sister in Christ,  
Ollie Mullen,  
Scobey, Miss.